

# Maynard Rod and Gun Club Newsletter (Tax Edition)



## Our Club, Our Community

You haven't just joined a Club, you've joined a community!

We believe that when you join the Club, you're joining a community. People join the Club for many reasons, but we're asking you to join a community, not just "rent" our facilities. That's why we ask prospective members to come before the executive board so we can pitch our community to you and engage you in it!

We are volunteer run and we need the support of the community to run our Club. We encourage you to get involved in an area of interest of your choosing. We had great volunteer participation in our annual Range Officer Meeting and ran smoothly and efficiently as a result. We'll benefit greatly from member participation in the Annual Clean-up Weekend SAT & SUN April 21&22!

The Club has a long and rich tradition as a hunting and fishing club. While demographics and development apply constant pressure to traditional New England life, that's a big part of the Club's DNA. Events like Trout Derby and the Game dinner reflect and celebrate that tradition.

The Club is actually a community that supports many different communities within it. We sponsor youth programs in shotgun and small bore rifle. We are sponsoring 3 teams in the Great Lowell trap league. We sponsor teams in the Nashoba Valley Pistol League.

Not really interested in the pressure of competition? No problem! There's lots of comradery to be had on our ranges. Want to experience the thrill of busting clays on our skeet ranges? Come on down some Sunday morning 9:30 or so and talk to the shotgunners down there. They'll be happy to lend a hand to help you learn. Come to one of Rifle & Pistol's monthly event to shoot or just to watch! Last Saturday's Poker shoot was a blast!

The rumor is that Spring will come someday soon! When it does, house and entertainment committee will be there when it gets there! They are revving up for Cinco de Mayo (or actually Quatro de Mayo as we'll hold our taco night on Friday May 4th.) Steak dinners will soon start again this Summer every other Thursday. Watch this space for dates.

Dig in and experience and enjoy the many communities of our Club it will enrich you and the Club in so many ways.

The Club runs on a calendar year. While we take members in all year long, in many ways, the Club runs on a calendar year. Unless you've joined in Q4 your next year's dues are due by 12/31 of the current year.

The shooting sports community is a community of trust. The right to bears arms is an individual right, but bearing arms means taking individual responsibility. We all have responsibilities to ourselves, each other, and our neighbors as the Club to be above all safe and responsible. To emphasize that community of trust, Maynard recertifies our shooting members as range officers annually. We are a community of trust. That's why our rifle and pistol, and our trap and skeet committees go over rules and safety procedures for the ranges every year. You'll get a new RO card and you'll retain your access to the indoor range. (Those who haven't re-certified your indoor range access will quickly be restored when you re-certify.) More than 250 members attended the Annual Ranges officers, and another thirty-five plus attended the make up last week. Even if you're a member who joined in January or February of this year, you need to be re-certified. Think of it as a rite of Spring. R&P orients new members every 2nd

Monday of the month. Just come to the lounge and join the new members. If that doesn't work, then contact Rifle & Pistol at [rifleandpistol@maynardrodandgunclub.com](mailto:rifleandpistol@maynardrodandgunclub.com) to find a mutually convenient time to re-certify.

We want to get you back out to safely and responsibly enjoy our ranges.

## MRGC E-Board Vacancy

Club President Jim Foley will announce the new E-Board member

With regret, the E-Board has received the resignation of Josh Liberman (who was required to resign from any board to accept a new professional opportunity). Josh will continue volunteering at the club in various ways, including sending ongoing club communications.

## R&P Committee

The results are in and we have a winner! We had a great turn out for the rifle and pistol committee's April poker shoot. A big thank you to committee member Jon Shepard, who was on his game and did a great job running the event. As you may or may not know the committee has been trying to hold these events on a semi regular basis and things have been working out well. Everyone had a good time, and we are building relationships that are making the club great. Anyone with a fear of missing out is definitely suffering after this one, because it was excellent.

We found out that though we may fashion ourselves as shooters, and we know how to judge a line break. We are not really so sure about poker scores.....but google is our friend.

Club member Pete Cavallaro, owner of great Road firearms in the neighboring town of Stow, was generous enough to match our \$25 prize, in turn it into a \$50 prize. Everyone should try to pop in and see what our new local FFL has to offer. Thanks Peter, we really appreciate your support.

And the winner of the \$50 gift certificate to great Road firearms -- with a final score of 27 after a total of 4 rounds is.....drum-roll.....

NAME	ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3	ROUND 4	FINAL
SCOTT	7	8	8	4	27
BOB	8	6	6	6	26
ALAN	7	3	7	7	24
JOE	1	4	5	8	18
ALEX	5	5	2	5	17
KYLE	2	7	4	2	15
ANTHONY	4	1	1	3	9
JUSTIN	3	2	3	1	9

Scott Grant !!!

Scott bested 2nd place Bob by only 1 point and 3rd place Alan by only 3 points !!!

Congratulations Scott on your good shooting!!

2nd place was Bob Trombly with 26!

3rd place was Alan Archibald with 24!

Once again, thank you to everyone attended and those who helped.

We as a firearms community need to stick together, and because events like these help with that, we hope to see you at the next one. On behalf of the entire rifle and pistol committee, thank you.

The next R&P Shoot is going to be held on Saturday, May 19th at 9am. Rain or shine. Stay tuned for more details in the May newsletter

The first round of action range pre-qualifications took place on Saturday. The process is moving along well and on schedule. We will have the list and the date for the next round of candidates out shortly. Watch your emails.

Gun Owner's Action League relationship.

The committee has fostered a working group of several enthusiastic members who will act as club representatives to GOAL. GOAL needs us, and we need them.

The working group has several objectives, among which is to bring upcoming GOAL events to the club. There is a lot of opportunity and mutual benefit in the two organizations working closely together, and the group was formed to exploit that to the fullest. We will keep you posted on the developments, stay tuned.

The R&P needs target builders on April 21st & 22nd for Spring Clean-Up Weekend!! We have the wood, and we need the labor and the tools, like hammers, saws, nails, screws, etc. Because electricity is limited down at the outdoor range, if you've got a

generator we really love to see you!!

Once again the committee thanks everyone for their participation, past present and future.

The R&P Committee

[rifleandpistol@maynardrodandgunclub.com](mailto:rifleandpistol@maynardrodandgunclub.com)

## Mass Jr. Conservation Camp

Going, going, gone...LAST Chance...MRGC is looking to sponsor 2 campers this year by paying 50% of the tuition for attending camp. Pretty generous, right? MRGC will review letters written by interested kids and choose. Letters from the prospective campers should include the reasons they would like to attend the camp and what they think they would gain from attending.

Letters can be sent to Andy Woods at [woodsalta1@gmail.com](mailto:woodsalta1@gmail.com) and be received by May 1st.

This year's Mass Jr conservation camp will be held August 5th-17th at the Horace Moses Boy Scout Reservation located at 310 Birch Hill Rd in Russell, MA. MRGC is currently looking for children and grandchildren of current members that would be interested in attending the 2018 Massachusetts Jr Conservation Camp. The camp includes 13 days of hands-on fun learning about the outdoors. Campers will learn about hunting, fishing, tracking, archery, boating, camping, wilderness survival, shooting safety, shooting sports and much more.

Photos and information can be found at [www.massjrconservationcamp.org](http://www.massjrconservationcamp.org) about what is offered at the camp. Don't miss this incredible opportunity.

Two campers will be chosen from the submitted letters at the May e-board meeting and notifications will be e-mailed shortly after to the chosen campers.

For more info, contact Andy Woods immediately, before the deadline passes and it's too late. Andy Woods at [woodsalta1@gmail.com](mailto:woodsalta1@gmail.com)

Nice way to spend an evening after work. Bustin' clays MRGC style, under the lights. Note the



clay zinging out of the high house.



## Trap & Skeet Committe

NIGHT SKEET SHOOTING - Next date is April 19th, 6:00pm. (Sudbury Side) Back by popular demand. For those that have never shot Skeet under the lights in the evening, it is a truly unique experience. Visibility of the clay targets under the lights is surprisingly good and it is a great way to unwind and blow off steam after a day cooped up inside at work or home. The first night shoot of the season had 8 Shooters, second night shoot we had 9 shooters.

Recap of the MRGC TRASH CAN TURKEY INTRAMURAL TOURNAMENT – A storied event and always sold out, this year’s Trash Can Turkey Intramural tournament was no exception. A more- than- sold out crowd of 13 S&T shooters were challenged to a 2-gun gauntlet of our most difficult events; 5-Stand and Wobble Skeet. The tournament was followed by an extraordinary meal – one rarely experienced outside of

a Tennessee redneck trailer park-- Steve Winnick's Trash Can Turkey, a whole 13 lb. turkey, charcoal smoked, in an honest- to goodness metal trash can which Steve has tricked out into an outdoor convection oven. Normal cooking time for such a turkey in a conventional oven would be 3 to 4 hours. But due to the prehistoric age engineering of the Trash Can Turkey rig, Steve turned out a perfectly cooked turkey in 90 minutes, crispy on the outside, smoky and tender on the inside; and accompanied it with all of the traditional Thanksgiving trimmings including stuffing, mashed potatoes, pan gravy, and cranberry sauce.

Congratulations to the Top gun trophy winners of the Trash Can Turkey intramural tournament:

First Place Five Stand: John Mackesy with 19 out of 25;

Second Place Five Stand: Travis Powell with 19 out of 25;

First Place Wobble Skeet: Cliff Antonell with an impressive 24 out of 25;

Second Place Wobble Skeet – A three-way tie with Gifford Perry, Travis Powell and Steve Winnick all with 22 out of 25;

And last but certainly not least, the tournament grand champion for High Over All: Cliff Antonell.

#### S&T's PROPOSES AN AMBITIOUS SPRING PROGRAM OF IMPROVEMENTS

Gifford Perry and John Mackesy, S&T's co-chairmen presented to the Club's E-Board on Monday, February 12 an ambitious Spring program of improvements to S&T's equipment, facilities and operations, the following was approved:

1. Installation of a new enclosure on the Maynard side Trap range to provide protection for shooters from rain, snow and other adverse weather conditions was approved and ordered and due in this month of April.

2. New wireless callers for Maynard Trap was approved and Gifford and John has installed the new wireless callers March 31st. Callers are now in the storage container. Power switch to operate the callers are in the Trap house. Make sure it's turned on for shooting and OFF when done shooting. There is a also a green hand held controller also that has to be on for the wireless to operate. After 2 minutes it times out if not in use.

3. Extensive renovations and upgrades to the Shooter's Den to make it more modern and clean and welcoming including and upgrading the old and tired kitchen with new cabinets, counter top and sink/faucet, and a fresh coat of paint everywhere was not

approved due other building requests. However new gun rack built by master craftsman Gifford Perry is now installed and hoping to get funds for some painting and kitchen faucet to get replaced. A new flat screen TV was donated by a member and has been installed, and the old skeet machines now have a new home and will be moved out soon.

4. Prepaid Coupons for Clay's Fees. Coupons sold at discounted prices for bulk advance purchases will be offered in lieu of paying cash for clay's fees. Not only will the discounted coupons be a good deal for S&T's shooters, but they will make it more convenient for members to pay for their rounds and ease S&T's administrative burden of collecting, accounting for and depositing cash fees. The new coupons will not have any expiration date and will be accepted for any of the clay shooting sports (Skeet, Trap and 5-Stand) on both the Maynard and the Sudbury sides.

April 21 & 22 is Spring cleanup day all ranges are closed. Gifford has a long list of items needing help so all come out and help. See list at the Shooters Den and if you can put your name down to help would be great.

Wireless:

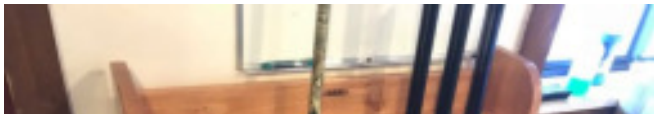
Remember all ranges are now wireless, please put transmitters back in white box in locked closet in Shooters Den on the Sudbury side. Everyone needs to check to make sure everything is put back before they lock the Den and leave for the day. If wireless callers are not in there please find the callers and put back in white box. The green wireless callers for the Maynard side should be in the storage container. Make sure power is OFF in the trap house when done

Combinations Changed:

As per every year after the mandatory range officer annual meeting was held last Saturday and Sunday. All locks have been changed at all ranges including gates, R&P gate, lock boxes, trap & skeet etc. If you didn't attend see committee chairs for new combinations.

Nice new gun rack inside the Road Kill Cafe on the Sudbury side, crafted by master craftsman, Gifford Perry.





## Club Clean Up Weekend - April 21/22

Clean up weekend has been set for April 21/22 weekend. Many small projects are planned. The event is organized in conjunction with our club Building & Maintenance committee under chairman Mike DeLuga.

Several carpenters are needed, and perhaps those that can paint, rake and dispose of winter debris, spread bark mulch, etc. "Many hand make light work."

If you want to rake and have the equipment, please bring it with you. If you have a backpack blower, for example, please bring it along! We could use an operator with a chain saw. Don't forget work eyes and ears, and gloves!

The day typically begins at 8:00AM with coffee and breakfast pastries, and hearing stories about how soft and blister free Steve Locke's hands are these days. Work starts about 8:30. Lunch will be provided to all volunteers at noon. We will typically wrap up by 3 PM at the very latest.

Please participate to help our club, earn chits towards your annual membership dues, and to meet fellow members. Steve Locke promises to entertain all with his growing arsenal of gun club humor, constant whistling while he works, as well as leading a "Follow along" chorus of work songs including, "I've been working on the railroad"...not to be missed.

See you at 8:00am, 4/21 and/or 4/22. Please contact Grounds chairman, Steve Locke @ [sklocke1404@comcast.net](mailto:sklocke1404@comcast.net) if you are planning ahead to volunteer one or both days.

## Cinco de Mayo - (Actually, Cinco de Quatro), May 4th, MRGC Members Lounge

Yes, on May 4th, not May 5th! Go figure! More info coming from club president, Jim Foley.

## MRGC Trout Derby - One Day Derby - May 5th, (RAIN DATE of May 6th)

Open to the public. Family event. Volunteers needed.

2018 Trout Derby - This years trout derby will be held on Saturday, May 5th with a rain date of May 6th. Fishing will start Saturday morning at 7am sharp and finish around 3pm. Prizes for first, second and third places will be awarded for each of the 3 categories, peewee, junior and adult.

Peeweewees ages 1-6 will fish for free, juniors ages 7-12 will be \$7.00 and adults 13 and over will be \$10.00. Each ticket is good for 3 fish and you can purchase as many as you'd like.

There will be camping allowed in the ball field starting Friday night and set up is permitted starting Thursday. Bring your camper or tent and meet and hang out with your fellow club members.

Food, bait and raffles for everyone will be available by the pond for purchase.

The public is welcome, so please invite your friends, co-workers and family members to enjoy your club.

As a reminder, the trout pond will be closed now for member fishing until the trout derby is over, so please don't use the pond until after the derby, thanks.

Any questions please e-mail Andy at: [woodsaltal@gmail.com](mailto:woodsaltal@gmail.com).

We hope to see you there!



Can you catch me?

## Gauntlet - July 21

The Gauntlet fund raiser and awareness shooting competition returns to MRGC. Start assembling your team now. More info to come shortly. Stay tuned...and block out your calendars.

## Send us your outdoor photos to include in the newsletters!

Have you been out in the woods or on the water this spring? Did you take a kid fishing or hunting? Did you take a photo of an extraordinary nature and/or wildlife picture you want to share? Send jpg. photos to Josh at [newsletter@maynardrodandgunclub.com](mailto:newsletter@maynardrodandgunclub.com) to include in the newsletter and include a short caption of who, where and what. Many members continue to send in their great sporting pictures for the newsletter. See below.



Andy Woods on front page of Maine newspaper for nice catch through the ice.

## Jr. Shotgun Program

The Club's Junior Shotgun Program for boys and girls age 11 and older is coming up starting in May. Open to any kid 11 and older. MRGC club membership is not required.

We promote the highest standards of safety and encourage good sportsmanship and personal responsibility.

For more details contact coach Peter Early  
[youthprograms@maynardrodandgunclub.com](mailto:youthprograms@maynardrodandgunclub.com)

## MRGC Members Lounge

Opening hours are changing on SUNDAYS ONLY with a 2:00pm start (changed from Noon). Lounge hours Monday – Friday are 3pm- 9pm (later if warranted), Saturday, 12pm-8, and Sunday, 2pm- 8pm.

While it's spring, it's still cold outside at night, but the members lounge is warm with the fire crackling and friendly faces at the bar. Come on in and warm up with fellow members.

Amanda and Julie, our club co-managers of the members lounge, would like to thank our volunteer bartenders who work hard for the Club and hope that you all can stop by and support their efforts. Please tip our bartenders well! Bring your friends, just sign them in, play a game of pool or darts, and enjoy a cold beverage.

The calendar is booking up quickly for graduations and weddings. Members get a discount for the hall and pavilion rental, so email us with your dates if you are planning a party this year. We can be reached at 978-897-2173 or email Julie or Amanda at [rgcomanagers@gmail.com](mailto:rgcomanagers@gmail.com).

Thank you to the members who have reached out for information and booked events. The pavilion and hall are booking up quickly for the spring, summer and into the fall. If you're thinking about a family reunion or holiday party contact us now at 978-897-2173 or [rgcomanagers@gmail.com](mailto:rgcomanagers@gmail.com) and reserve your date.

We need YOU on clean up weekend, please come and help us out. Projects inside include cleaning, organizing, washing windows. Many hands make light work. Please come, even just for an hour or two.



Recent photographs from a wedding held at the club. Note how nicely the clubhouse cleans up. Make your reservation for your own function.



## SOFTBALL IS BACK AT THE CLUB

SOFTBALL IS BACK AT THE CLUB and we are looking for players, a minimum of 12 for a team. It's a men's over 21 league. Games are Monday- Thursday evenings. Please contact Julie at [rgcomanagers@gmail.com](mailto:rgcomanagers@gmail.com) for more information or to sign up.

## Club Meetings

**Quarterly Body** – June 18th, Monday @ 7:00pm - (Open to ALL general members) - Please attend the annual meeting and meet board officers and eboard, and hear about the club. Come down and join us to hear about club planning and operations, and to share ideas. We hope to see you there!

(June, Sept., Dec., March.) Meets in the Club house the 3rd Monday of the last month in the quarter at 7:00pm. ALL General Members welcome and encouraged! Come hear about the strong health of our club, other club business, committee reports, treasurers report, managers report, and socialize after wards in the members lounge. For more info, contact our scribing secretary, Bob Trombly [secretary@maynardrodandgunclub.com](mailto:secretary@maynardrodandgunclub.com)

**E-Board** (NOT open to general members)

Our elected 13 E-Board members meets as a board the 2nd Monday of every month 7:00pm in the club house. If our general members have a topic they'd like reviewed, or if there are comments, questions or suggestion, please contact any chair member.

(New Members are required to come before the E-Board in person on an E-Board meeting night with their applications filled out.

Contact secretary, Bob Trombly [secretary@maynardrodandgunclub.com](mailto:secretary@maynardrodandgunclub.com)

## Don't Be Late! Important Dates!

4/19 - Trap & Skeet -NIGHT SKEET SHOOTING (Sudbury Side)

4/21 - Club Spring Cleanup Weekend - Volunteers needed!

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5/1 - LAST CHANCE - Mass Jr conservation camp letters due

5/4 - Cinco de Mayo (Yes, on May 4th, not May 5th!)

5/5 - MRGC Trout Derby

5/6 - (RAIN DATE ONLY) MRGC Trout Derby

5/19 - R&P Shoot (Details coming...)

6/18 - MRGC Quarterly Body Meeting

7/21 - Gauntlet

A special thanks to all those who work hard to keep the club going, too many to mention, please keep up the effort. Keep an eye on the upcoming newsletters, the Club's website and Facebook pages for announcements as there is always something going on.

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Maynard Rod & Gun Club - 2018 Club Leadership

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2018 Officers:

President - Jim Foley - [president@maynardrodandgunclub.com](mailto:president@maynardrodandgunclub.com)

Vice President - Peter Early - [vicepresident@maynardrodandgunclub.com](mailto:vicepresident@maynardrodandgunclub.com)

Treasurer - Mike Murphy - [treasurer@maynardrodandgunclub.com](mailto:treasurer@maynardrodandgunclub.com)

Secretary - Bob Trombly - [secretary@maynardrodandgunclub.com](mailto:secretary@maynardrodandgunclub.com)

Returning E-Board Members:

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Dave Loughlin - [dloff0924@yahoo.com](mailto:dloff0924@yahoo.com)

James Rottman - [james.rottman@verizon.net](mailto:james.rottman@verizon.net)

Dwight Warren - [dwarren8@rcn.com](mailto:dwarren8@rcn.com)

Andy Woods - [woodsalta1@gmail.com](mailto:woodsalta1@gmail.com)

Newly Elected/(Re-elected\*) E-Board Members:

John DeMars - [captmay8487@gmail.com](mailto:captmay8487@gmail.com)

Steve Locke - [sklocke1404@comcast.net](mailto:sklocke1404@comcast.net)

Mike DeLuga - [mdeluga10@gmail.com](mailto:mdeluga10@gmail.com)

Josh Liberman (Newsletter) - [newsletter@maynardrodandgunclub.com](mailto:newsletter@maynardrodandgunclub.com)